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## Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



### Directors Report

Greetings,

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were covered in ash from the fires, the pandemic was in full swing, and it was hard to find a place to have a meal. Now mask wearing is the norm,

social distancing is standard, and we can sit down at restaurants. The one thing that has not changed is our love of riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. We ride no matter what the situation. Riding lets us celebrate the good times, it clears our heads when things get a little tense, and it comforts us when we need someone to just hang out with. The relationships we have with our bikes and fellow riders are unique to each of us and we all ride for a variety of reasons but we ride. Our chapter Redwood Empire has been around a very long time and some of us have watched it change over the years. We are not the same chapter of 30+ years ago but we carry the same torch. We ride and have fun...the only moto we have. So please join us and have some fun. Riding is what we do and no matter where the road leads us we'll find the fun.

As some of you may know a past member Greg Armas recently passed away. I was not close to Greg but I do have fond memories of him. Many years ago when I would BBQ for the chapter I would call Greg in a panic about how much food to get, how to prepare it and so on. I knew Greg as a chef and he would always laugh and say don't worry, here is how you do it. I made many a marinade, brine and sauce from Greg's knowledge and helpful ways. I will miss him.

Later this month your awesome head road captain Glen will be putting together a meeting to discuss the 2022 ride calendar. If you would like to participate please contact him at [roadcaptain@rechog.org](mailto:roadcaptain@rechog.org) . Please try to attend, we need input on where you would like to go, the kind of rides you enjoy the most and if you want to lead or learn to lead he will address that also. You are not obligated to lead a ride just because it is your idea. We have captains that will do that for you.

Ride Safe & Have Fun

Randy Mack

Director

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## Assistant Directors Report

Hey Hey HOG Nation!! I'm Back!!!

I was gone last month gettin' a little married. That's right, there is a Mrs. Pikachu now and her name is Erika. We were childhood sweethearts back in the day and just decided to pull the trigger on forever. She is a passenger and will be hitting the road with yours truly in the near future.

A little sad news to report. Our member Greg Armas passed last month. I knew him very well and remember several rides we did together. I especially remember our trip to the Colombia River and sturgeon fishing. We both took turns reeling in a 400+ pound, 10 foot monster. Great trip and very good friend. We did have a memorial ride for Greg recently. Saw some old friends and some new faces which is very refreshing. Greg will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Enough with the sad stuff. On to the happy stuff!! Sunday, October 3rd, join me on the Assistant Directors Ride to Gualala. We will be taking Hwy 1 all the way up the coast. On of my favorite routes with lots of twisties. It's like having a roller coaster in your back yard. We will meet at Johnny's Java Hut in Cotati at 9 and leave at 9:30. With a ride of this size there will be plenty of gift cards and maybe something special as well.

That's it for now. Have fun and ride safe.

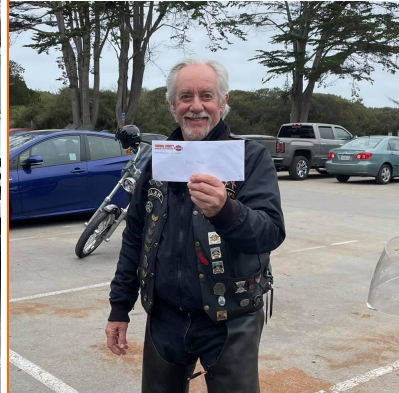
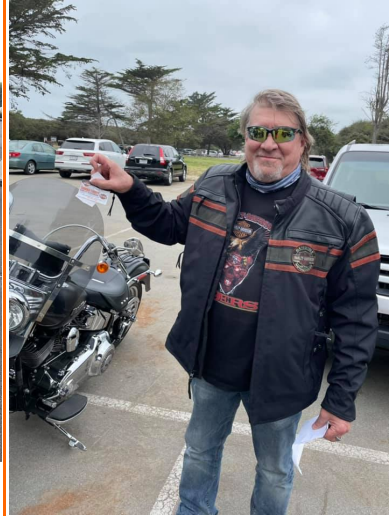
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PS. Next month is the Twisted Tunnel Run. GET READY TO GET LOUD!!

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# Ride Photo's Remembering 2021















## A Message from your Regional Manager

Wow, what a whirlwind it's been since my last email. The H.O.G. team had an awesome week out in the Black Hills at the Sturgis Rally, where I got to meet and greet many of you along with hundreds of other H.O.G. members. Turnout and weather were great for the member ride from Pappy Hoel Campground out to Devil's Tower and the rest of the week was equally awesome. As I mentioned last month, we are seeing a hugely positive response to the new Pan America and Sportster S motorcycles. It was exciting to talk to many new Pan America owners who made the trip out to Sturgis, as well as to witness so many other Harley riders experience the thrill of demo riding these exciting new bikes.

In the weeks since Sturgis ended the other regional managers and I have been on the road hanging with members at several H.O.G. touring and regional rallies, and I as write this, the Hometown Rally here in Milwaukee just wrapped up last weekend, capping a busy but really fun and rewarding summer for H.O.G.

Speaking of being busy, I know there are still some Chapter winners from the 2020 Ride 365 Chapter Challenges waiting for me to pony up for the pizza party we promised. I haven't forgotten about you and will be in touch soon to schedule that visit! The Chapters that placed in the top three in each market should have already received patches and plaques commemorating



your achievement in the mail, but if you haven't yet, please shoot me a note. I'll make sure to get those sorted out ASAP or I'll bring them with the pizza.

The last thing I'd like to share is a thought that came up during a recent conversation with an officer who was lamenting what she thought was a disappointing turnout for a Chapter event. I understand what it's like to pour your time and effort into planning an event and not be able to share that experience with as many folks as you'd hoped would participate. But as we talked more about the event, it was apparent that the members who did come out had a great time and really enjoyed the ride she had planned. So that's what I want to leave you with. Don't worry about the folks who don't show up. Focus on creating great vibes for those who do. That's what it's all about.

Thanks as always for everything you do for the Harley Owners Group and ride safe.

### **CHRIS HARRISON**

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## **Upcoming Events and Rides**

### **October Events**

Oct. 3rd Assistant Director Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Steve is ride lead.

Oct. 7th General Meeting is CANCELLED.

Oct. 15th Oakland Hills Ride. Meet at dealership 9:45am and depart at 10:15am. Sergio is ride lead.

Oct. 21st Board Meeting by conference call.

Oct. 22nd-23rd Haunted House, Placerville Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Glen is ride lead.

### **November Events**

Nov. 4th General Meeting is CANCELLED.

Nov. 7th Twisted Tunnel Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java Cotati at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Steve is ride lead.

Nov. 18th Board Meeting by conference call.

Nov. 19th Pope Valley Ride. Meet at dealership at 10:00am and depart at 10:30am. Jose is ride lead.

Nov. 27th Turkey Ride. Meet at dealership at 10:00am and depart at 10:30am. Heidi is ride lead.

**For full details go to the RECHOG web site calendar**



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## **Dealer Update**

Hold on to riding season!



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## **WELCOME to the Chapter New Members for August**

Chad Harris, Colton Townsend, Don Donnell, John Bartch,  
& Blaine Cristando

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### **Membership **Board Meeting** Topics**

- 2021 Membership update: 196 members along with a few new members
- Directors ride and Twisted Tunnels ride coming up in Oct.
- Financial report
- New Business: Discussion of activities for the chapter going into fall and the New Year

### **Membership **General Meeting** Topics**

- No general meeting.

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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